



# LAKE COUNTRY LIFE TEEN

## 2017-2018

### Ministry Guide & Registration Information



# Welcome to the Life Teen Family!



We know high school can be a time of intense pressure and stress. That's why at Lake Country Life Teen, we seek to provide you with a safe and open space built on trust where you can be authentically yourself, ask questions, grow as an individual and in your relationship with God, and make friends to help guide you through your high school years. We hope you find us to be a second "home." Whether you have chosen to go to a Catholic/private high school, a public high school, or you are home schooled; you should register and be a part of our parish high school community. We cannot wait to get to know you better in the coming months! We want to take a few moments to introduce ourselves to you:

**We are not a religious education program.** While helpful and formative, religious education programs and Catholic schools often do not meet a young person's thirst for an *encounter* with the Person of Jesus Christ and do not help foster a living relationship with God.

We strive to provide the opportunity for young people to meet, know, love and serve Christ through our simple discipleship process. This process includes a bunch of fun and engaging Eucharist-centered relational ministries. This includes Life Teen Club, IGNITE!, Emmaus, mission trips and volunteering, social events, retreats, summer camp, mentorship and leadership opportunities, and so much more!

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**Confirmation is not our end goal.** Confirmation is not "graduation" from religious education. Confirmation is a completion of your initiation into the church and re-ignites your commitment to living your faith to the fullest with more responsibility for sharing your faith and being active in a parish community. People are ready for this responsibility at different ages, so instead of structuring your high school years to prepare you for something you may seek as an adult, we are focused on helping you have an encounter with Christ and learn how to live your faith daily.

We invite you to explore the new heights Life Teen can take you to in your faith and the lasting friendships you will form. "Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." -JPII

God Bless,

  
Andrew Schueller



**"Our faith is an  
*encounter*  
With Jesus. This is the foundation  
of our faith."**

-Pope Francis

## How do we impact teens?

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, Lake Country Life Teen leads teens closer to Christ through our simple discipleship process that is centered on the Sacraments, Service, & Leadership.

## our ministries

### Life Teen Club

**Meet Christ.** Life Teen Club is a bimonthly hangout for high school teens who are just checking this whole faith/God thing out. Teens gather to meet new people, play some ridiculous and fun games, and be introduced to who Jesus is.

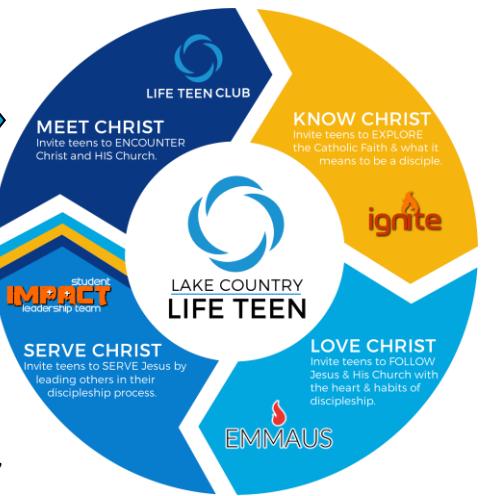
### IGNITE

**Know Christ.** IGNITE meets most Sunday nights following the 6:00pm Mass in our Life Teen Café. Teens meet to discuss different aspects of life and faith all while having fun too! We discuss a variety of topics like social justice, morality, service, Scripture, and issues prevalent in teen culture.

“ Life Teen changed my life by giving me a steady foundation and a second family. My “church fam” is made up of people I can always turn to, people with the same beliefs as me, and people who love me for the way I am!”

-Mikavla. Class of 2017

is for upperclassmen who have progressed through the discipleship process and are interested in leading their peers closer to Christ. Our IMPACT team deepens their faith by attending Emmaus while serving our ministries as peer leaders at club, Ignite and retreats, and leading EDGE small groups.



### Excursions

Excursions are like extended Life Teen Clubs. They provide teens the opportunity to build authentic relationships with one another over fun activities like go-karting, rock climbing, and more, while also connecting with caring adult leaders and getting introduced to Christ and His Church.

### Summer Camp

Summer Camp with Life Teen is an opportunity for teens to have an incredible experience of living life to the fullest. Teens are able to be free and confident in themselves, develop new friendships with other teens from our parish, and encounter God working in their lives. Plus it's a lot of fun packed with ropes courses, whitewater rafting, messy games and more. This is the summer that you begin to experience a bigger and better life than you ever thought possible!

### Sacrament of Confirmation

After journeying through our discipleship process, teens that desire to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church can enroll in our Confirmation process starting their junior year of high school. This intensive process includes weekly small group gatherings, a full weekend retreat, and service requirements. More information about this process can be found on our website under “Confirmation Process.”

### Retreats

Encounter Christ in a tangible way and deepen your relationship with Christ on our retreats. We have a number of one-day and weekend-long experiences that pull you away from your normal routine and hustle of life to help you relax and focus on your relationship with God.

“ Life Teen is an amazing opportunity to build community within the Church and strengthen one’s relationship with Christ. Through retreats, camp, and mission trips, I learned about myself and my faith by talking with my peers. Life Teen revealed something I did not know was missing in my life.”

-Markus, Class of 2016

### Mission Trips

“Life grows by being given away.” (Pope Francis) By participating on a mission trip you are living the church’s mission and extending yourself out of love to help those in need. Our typical mission trips include serving others through home repair and community service projects. In your encounters with others, in your work, in your prayer and in your daily sacrifices you come face-to-face with Christ and become who you were created to be.



## Parent Support

Without the help from parents like yourself, our ministries would not be possible! Please help us to maintain and grow our ministries by sharing your time and talents with our teens in one of these ways. We have different opportunities for you to support our ministries depending on the time and talents you can share.

" I love working with the teens of our parish. I know I get as much out of it as the kids, maybe more. The combination of having fun and fellowship is magical for the teens. Every week's gathering takes on a life of its own, influenced by who attends, what's on their mind, current events, and of course the pulse of our community."

-Doug Dietz

## Core Team

Our core team is an amazing group of adults who are passionate about leading teens to Meet, Know, Love, & Serve Christ. They walk alongside teens in all of our ministries and in life. They realize that they do not have answers to all the faith questions, but that we are all on a journey called life and they want to help guide teens in this journey.

To provide a safe and nurturing environment for our teens, All adults who serve in our ministries must participate in an interview process and complete in the "Safeguarding All of God's Families" program. This includes performing a background check on all adult leaders every 5 years.



### Parent Life

Parent Life are sessions held throughout the year to help support parents of teenagers by providing opportunities to learn about issues prevalent in teen culture and how to support teens through these struggles.

### Hospitality Team

The hospitality team helps to create a warm and welcoming environment for our middle and high school ministries. This can range from providing snacks and drinks for the teens for our normal gatherings to helping with the handful of receptions we host annually.

### Host Family

Host families take hospitality to the next level. They welcome a small group and their core team member into their home to provide an extra warm and welcoming environment to these groups. Besides offering a space to meet, host families often offer a snack and refreshment to the group they are hosting.

### Advisory Team

The advisory board is made up of adults, parents, and core team members who meet monthly to help guide and grow our programs. They provide invaluable advice and support to our student ministers while also supporting our Student IMPACT Leadership Team in carrying out different social and service events for their peers.

## How to Register:

**NOTE:** To register online, you will need to have your teen's e-mail address and cell number.

**STEP 1:** Go to [www.lakecountrylifeteen.com](http://www.lakecountrylifeteen.com) and click on "High School"

On the right hand side is a box with links. Click on "Online Registration."

**STEP 2:** Sign-up for an orientation meeting. A pop-up to a Sign-up Genius form will come up. RSVP for one of our two meetings as a family and hit submit. After that close that window and continue via our website.

**STEP 3:** Print out an **Emergency Medical Treatment Form** for each teen you have and a **Parish Payment Worksheet** for your family. Fill these out and turn in to the Student Ministries office located in the Life Teen Café along with a check made out to "St. Charles."

**STEP 4:** Read through our frequently asked questions section. This will help to answer any questions you may have or that may come up during the online registration process.

**STEP 5:** On the bottom of the page will be a button that says "Online Registration Form." A pop-up to a Google document will appear. Please fill out this form. After submitting the form, there will be a link on the bottom to "Submit another response" to register an additional teen.





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## Important Dates

| Date                  | Time                  | Event                            | Location                |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| May 21, 2017          | 7:15-8:15 p.m.        | Life Teen Orientation Option I   | Life Teen Café          |
| Aug. 20, 2017         | 4:30-5:50 p.m.        | Life Teen Orientation Option II  | Life Teen Café          |
| <b>Sept. 10, 2017</b> | <b>5:00-7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Life Teen Kick-Off</b>        | <b>Life Teen Café</b>   |
| Sept. 23, 2017        | 7:00am-9:00pm         | Fall Encounter Retreat           | Devil's Lake State Park |
| Oct. 01, 2017         | 7:15-8:45 p.m.        | Summer Trips Info Night @ Ignite | Life Teen Café          |
| Oct. 03, 2017         | 6:30-8:00 p.m.        | Summer Trips Info Night @ Club   | Life Teen Café          |
| Oct. TBD              |                       | Summit Discipleship Retreat      | Holy Hill               |
| Dec. 03, 2017         | 7:15-8:45 p.m.        | XLT                              | Church                  |
| Feb. 16-18, 2018      |                       | Winter Excursion                 | TBA                     |
| Feb. 25, 2018         | 7:15-8:45 p.m.        | XLT                              | Church                  |
| March 17, 2018        | 8:00am-9:00pm         | Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally   | Carroll University      |
| April 8, 2018         | 2:00-5:00 p.m.        | Divine Mercy XLT                 | Church                  |
| May 6, 2018           | 4:00-6:00 p.m.        | Life Teen Spaghetti Dinner       | Borromeo Room           |

\*Dates for Club, IGNITE and Emmaus can be found on our website!

\*\*Dates and Times are tentative and may need to change as the year goes on.